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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1764
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64954

Takao KIMURA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/868,311

Group Art Unit: 1764

Confirmation No.: 8933

Examiner: NGUYEN, Tam M

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For: CATALYST FOR HYDRODESULFURIZATION AND ISOMERIZATION OF LIGHT HYDROCARBON OIL, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR THE HYDRODESULFURIZATION AND ISOMERIZATION OF LIGHT HYDROCARBON OIL WITH THE CATALYST

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding rejection of February 20, 2003, twice extended to July 20, 2003 by an appropriate two-month petition for extension of time and fee submitted herewith, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

7. (Amended) A catalyst composition for the hydrodesulfurization and isomerization of a light hydrocarbon oil, wherein the catalyst comprises a support comprising zirconium oxide or a